



By the Lords Iustices, and Councell.

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WHEREAS upon the earnest desire of many of his Maiesties Subjects in England, grounded upon the dearth of Graine there, and the opinion of plenty here, the Lords of his Maiesties most honorable Privy Councell had given directions for Warrants to be made for importing of Cozne into England from hence, which Warrants, their Lordships in their wisdoms thought fit to suspend upon such advertisements as they had then received from us, whereunto we were indured out of an apprehension of the ill effects of former times of scarcitie and dearth here, which might againe fall upon us, if the store of this yeare should be exhausted by exportation thereof out of the Kingdoms, Neuerthelesse a Licence lately graunted by their Lordships for ten thousand Quarters of Cozne to be exported from hence for reliefe of the City of London, his Maiestie and the Lords of his Councell doe esteeme to be grounded upon so charitable and necessary considerations, regarding the want wherewith the Capitall Citie of that his Kingdom and usuall place of his abode is pinched, and those euill consequences of sickness and infection which accompany dearth and famine, as his Maiestie hath thought fit to confirme the said Licence, with direction to us to hasten the performance thereof, resolving not to giue any further Warrant for exportation of any Cozne from hence upon any pretence; And whereas the

price of Cozne is growne excessive great in all parts of this Kingdom, which is contended to arise from the ill affections partly of the Cozne-Passers, and partly of the Ingrossers of Cozne, who keeping in their Cozne in great quantities, doe cause a seeming show of dearth, farre more then in truth it is, thereby to enhance the price of all manner of graine at their will and pleasure: And forasmuch as his Maiestie hath required us in making that Provision for the City of London, so to order and moderate the price of Cozne, as that it may proue according to his Maiesties gracious intention, a reliefe to the said City in this time of their necessity and want. Wee are therefore in his Maiesties Name straightly to charge and require all manner of persons whatsoever, hauing or that shall haue any Wheat within his or their Barnes, Reek-yards, Haggards, Granaries, Sellers, and other places of store, more then will serue their owne turnes, and for the provision and maintenance of their owne families, that they and euery of them doe cause the over-plus in competent portions thereof to be brought to some publique and ouert Market weekly, there to be sold for such price and prizes as the like Cozne was sold about the thirteenth of January last, when wee received his Maiesties said Letters. And to the intent this our order and direction may be the better obserued, know pee that wee reposing speciall trust and confidence in the wisdomes, fidelities, and prouident circumspections of the persons nominated in the schedule hereunto annexed haue nominated and appointed them to be Commissioners for the severall Cities, Counties and Townes of the Kingdom in manner as in the said schedule is expressed, and doe hereby require and commaund them, and doe giue full power and authority vnto them, or any two or more of them to enter into all and all manner of haggards, reek-yards, granaries, sellers, store-houses, and all other places where Wheat is within any the places for which he or they are in the saide annexed schedule nominated Commissioners, to view, search, examine what quantitie of store of Wheat in any such haggard, Reek-yard, granary, seller, store-house, or other place, and to make a reasonable estimate of the number and quantitie of barrells that are or may be in the same, and likewise to consider what number of persons are depending vpon euery such Cozne-master or Owner of any such Cozne, and to consider what is fit to be allowed for the provision of euery of their houses and families vntill the next Cozne-haruest, and for the over-plus, that they take present order, that a ratable proportion thereof be sent into the next Market weekly, or into the Market of some City or other Corporate Towne within the Countie as the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them shall be thought fit, and such stores of Cozne as they shall finde in any City or Towne Corporate, that they cause the same to be wholly sent forth with to the open Markets of such City or Towne where such stores shall be found, there openly to be pitched and set downe in the open Market, without any fore-stalling or buying up of the same vntill the Market-Bell shall be rung, or some other common signall or notice given of the time when the said Market is to begin, willing & requiring all singular Merchants, Cozne-Passers, and Owners of any Wheat, that they euery of them doe quietly permit and suffer the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them as aforesaid, at all time and times to enter into all and euery their said haggards, Reek-yards, Granaries, Sellers, Store-houses, and all other places for the viewing and estimating the Cozne and Graine within the same, as aforesaid. And wee doe hereby further require and authorize the said Commissioners, that if they or any of them shall meete with any obstinate or refractory person or persons that shall refuse to suffer them, or any two or more of them, as aforesaid, to enter into their said haggards, Reek-yards, Granaries, Sellers, Store-houses, and all manner of places where Cozne and Graine is, for the viewing and estimating of their Cozne and Graine as aforesaid, or shall not performe such order and direction for the sending of any Cozne or Graine to the Market, as by the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, as aforesaid, shall be thought fit and appointed, that then they cause the bodies of all and singular such refractory and disobedient persons to be apprehended, and to be committed to the Common Gaole of the Countie, there to remaine without bail or maine-prise, vntill they giue way that their Cozne and Graine shall be viewed and estimated, as aforesaid, and shall giue good securitie to stand to and abide such order and direction for sending of the same to the Common Markets, as to the said Commissioners or any two or more of them, as aforesaid, shall be thought fit and declared vnto them, willing and requiring all Iaylers and Keepers of common Gaoles and Prisons to receiue, retaine, and vnder safe custodie to keepe and detaine the bodies of all such persons as shall be so committed vnto them, as aforesaid, vntill by Warrant from the said Commissioners, or any two or more of them, they shall be deliuered and set at large. And wee doe hereby will and require the said Commissioners, that they and euery of them be carefull and diligent in the execution of this Commission, as a matter highly importing his Maiesties seruice. And forasmuch as his Maiestie hath declared his Royall pleasure, as aforesaid, that no more or other Licences shall be granted for exportation of any Cozne out of this Kingdom, which wee will be carefull for our parts to performe, by forbearing to grant any such Licences: Wee doe therefore hereby strictly charge and commaund all persons whom it may concerne, not to presume to export any Cozne or Graine, or Peale, Flowe, baked or otherwise, except a moderate proportion of Bread for necessary provisions at Sea, out of this Kingdom, as they will answere the same at their extreme perills: Heereby also requiring all Officers of the severall Ports and Creekes of this Kingdom, to take speciall care that no Cozne or Graine whatsoever, nor Peale, Flowe, baked or otherwise, be put aboard any Ship or other vessell, other then a reasonable proportion of Bread, as aforesaid, for the necessary provision at Sea of those who shall be aboard such vessels or Ships, which Provision the said Officers are so to moderate, as this our Commandement be not deluded vnder colour thereof, as the said Officers and euery of them, concerning hereunto, will answer such their neglects and contempts at their vttermost perills.

Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin the eightene day of March, 1630.